

SENIOR SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Middletown Senior Center

150 William Street

October 4, 2011

5:00 PM

1. Members Present: Councilman David Bauer, Councilman Ron Klattenberg, Commissioners: Ed Dypa, Ed Rubacha, Annabelle Malone and Pat Jackowski

Absent: Phyllis Pollock, Claude Hendrickson and William Wasch

Staff Present: Raymond A. Santostefano, Interim Senior Center Director and Heidi Geores, Senior Center Staff

Absent: Stephan Allison, Interim Program Manager

General Public: None

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 5:05.

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Approval of September Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2011 was made by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Annabelle Malone and approved unanimously by the Commission

Departmental Reports:

Director Raymond A. Santostefano:

- The Acting Municipal Agent, Laura Runte continues to assist seniors with signing up for programs including SNAP, Medicare, locating affordable prescriptions, etc.
- Highlighted programs that have been held at the Senior Center over the last month and what is on the calendar for the coming month in Mr. Allison's absence.

Program Updates – Stephan Allison

- Director, Raymond Santostefano read a report submitted by Mr. Allison.

Old Business

- **Update on New Senior Center:**
 - Councilman Ron Klattenberg reported that architects Silver/Petrucelli have been selected to draw up plans transforming St. Sebastian's School building to the new Senior Center. It is anticipated that a contract will be in place before the Building Committee meeting scheduled for October 24, 2011. It was also recommended that rooms in the building be renovated with multiple functions in mind.
- **Update on Triad:**
 - Commissioner Dypa reports that Triad will be holding an expo on November 16, 2011 in Meriden and that this might be a good time to provide and gather information regarding emergency management plans for seniors.

➤ **Treadmill :**

- Senior Center Staff are awaiting the decision of the City's Legal Department regarding use of the machine prior to making it available to the patrons.

New Business:

➤ **Dental Clinic:**

- The Center has scheduled the dental clinic to take place November 17 & 18. The funding for this program is coming from a grant awarded through Senior Resources. Services will be provided by the Community Health Center. This is a free clinic and will be able to assist up to 120 patrons this year.

Miscellaneous:

- Commissioner Jackowski brought up a discussion the Senior Center to look into acquiring an AED machine. Possibilities for donation or funding the purchase were suggested.
- Councilman David Bauer discussed his concerns regarding financial challenges that face seniors, especially those living independently, specifically: the high cost of utilities and prescription medicines. Commissioner Jackowski advised the group that both Price Chopper and Stop & Shop have programs to provide free antibiotics and some medicines for diabetes.

Adjournment: Commissioner Dypa moved to adjourn. Seconded and motion unanimously approved at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Geores